

REMARKS

The Office Action maintains that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species:

Species (i), represented by Figure 2;

Species (ii), represented by Figure 3; and

Species (iii), represented by Figure 4.

In response, Applicant elects to pursue Species (ii), represented by Figure 3. Pending claims 24-28, 30-41, 53, 55-58, and 62, are directed to Species (ii). The undersigned makes this election without prejudice to the presentation of the claims of Species (i) and (iii) in later applications.

Should the Examiner's search fail to uncover prior art applicable to the elected Species (ii), Applicant assumes that the Examiner will expand the scope of his search to cover the non-elected Species (i) and (iii).

In the Action, the Examiner pointed out that the Applicant's Amendment submitted August 20, 2007 included claims which were improperly numbered. Accordingly, Applicant has submitted a corrected listing of the claims.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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